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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 29498/38437A Application No. Filing Date Examiner Art Unit 10/612,220-Conf. #5746 July 2, 2003 G. W. Baxter 3632 Applicant(s): Ronald T. Bell COMBINATION SPRING TENSION ROD AND MOUNTING BRACKETS FOR WINDOW Invention: **COVERINGS** TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number Previously Extra Claims After Amendment Paid Present Rate **Total Claims** 22 17 Х Independent 4 3 1 200.00 200.00 х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): Extension for response within first month 120.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 320.00 x Large Entity Small Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. X A check in the amount of \$ ____320.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 13-2855 X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing/or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: November 21, 2005 Russell C. Petersen Attorney Reg. No.: 53,457 MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6300 Sears Tower Chicago, Illinois 60606-6357 (312) 474-6300 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below. Dated: November 21, 2005 (Russell C. Petersen) Signature





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Applicant(s):

Ronald T. Bell

Serial No.: 10/612,220

Title: Combination Spring Tension Rod and Mounting Brackets for Window

Coverings

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 19, 2005

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action dated July 19, 2005. Because November 19, 2005 fell on a Saturday, and this response is filed on the immediately following Monday, a Petition for a One Month Extension is included herein. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.

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